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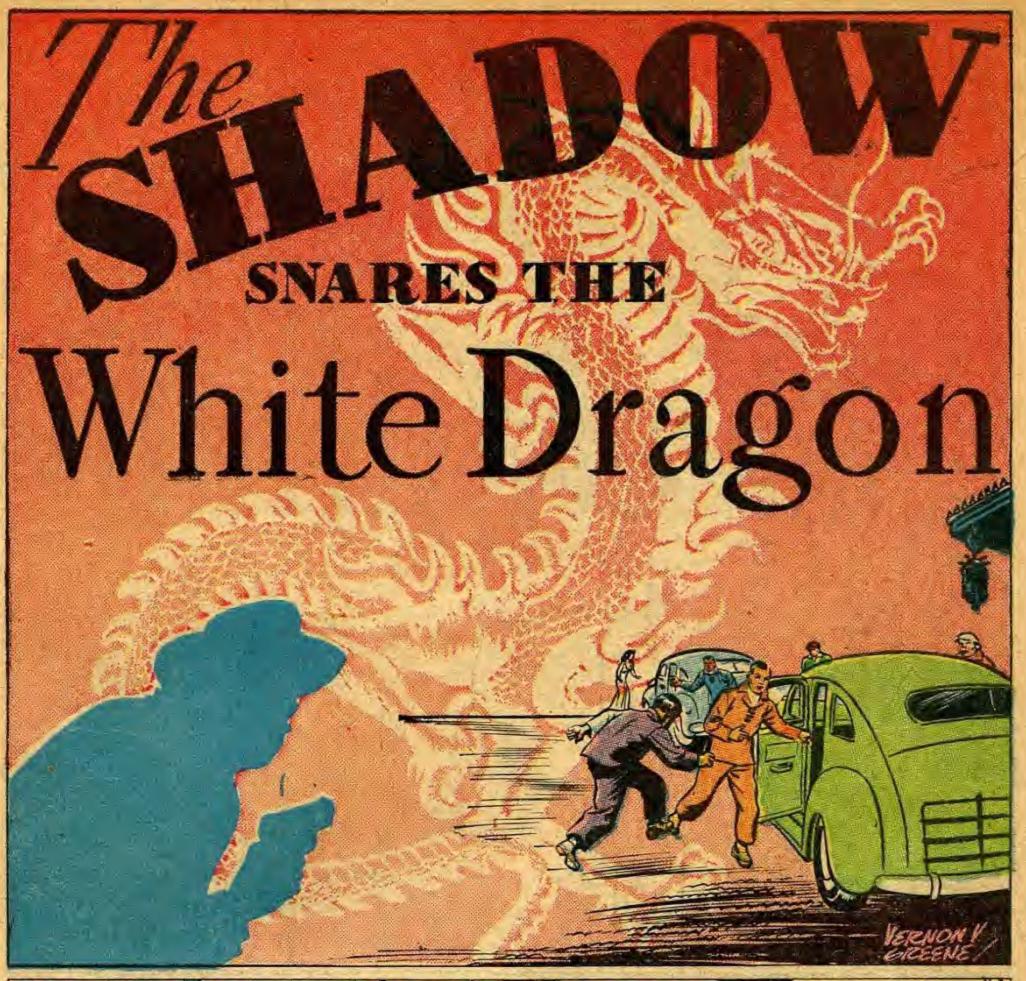
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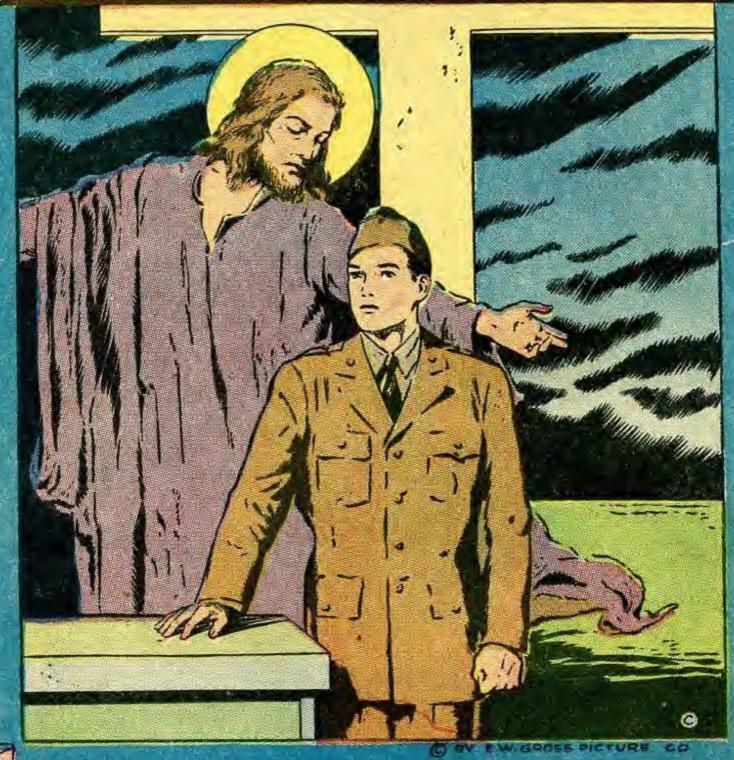
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That men may live



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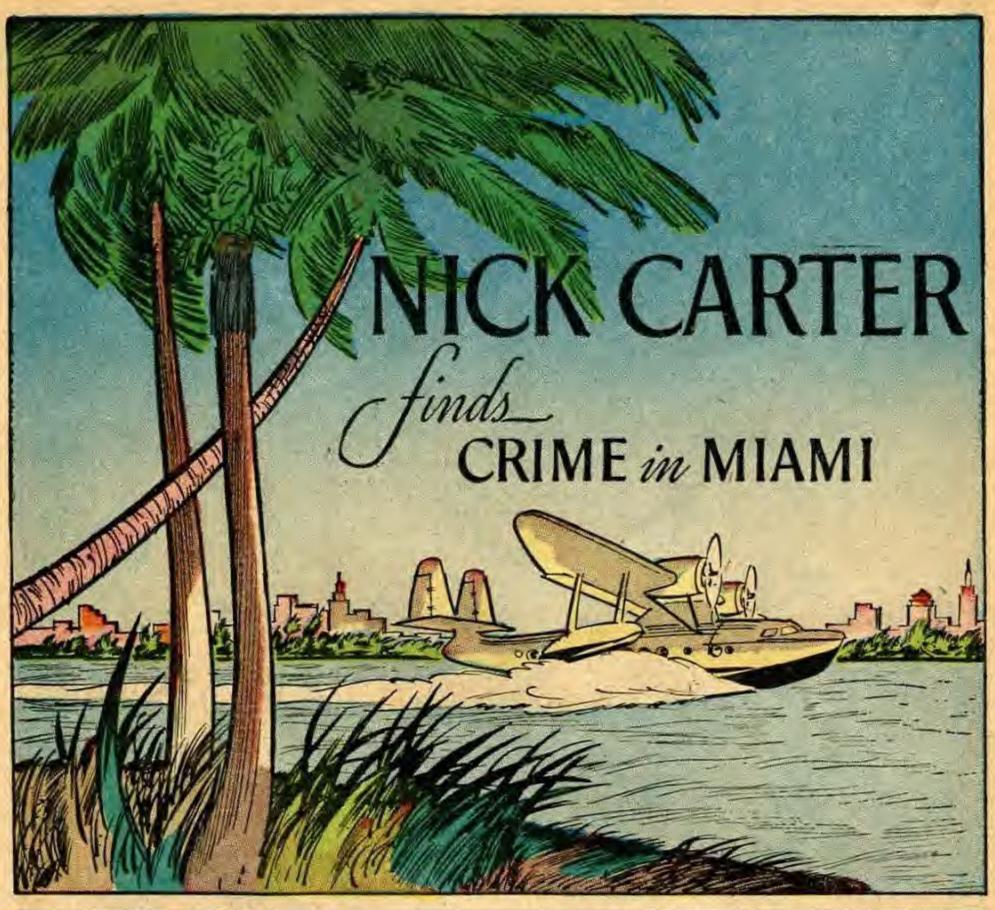
NAT CHAMPLIN

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Our artists and script writers

who have joined the armed servicer





A CLIPPER SHIP
ARRIVES IN
MIAMI, BRINGING
POLITICAL
REFUGEES
FROM A
CERTAIN
CENTRAL
AMERICAN
REPUBLIC....
NICK CARTER
IS PRESENT!









THEY MUST FEAR ENEMIES, EVEN IN MIAMI, FOR THEY RADIOED ME TO MEET THEM HERE!



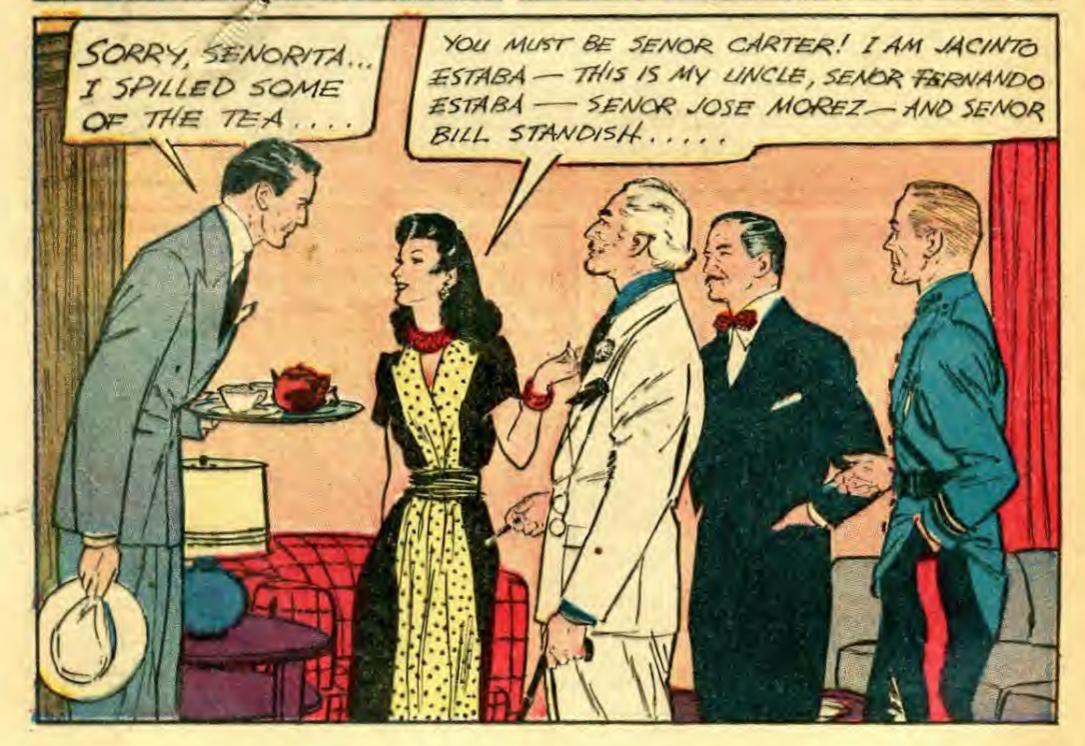


























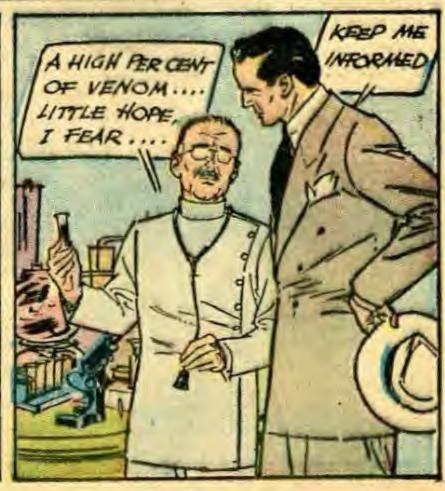






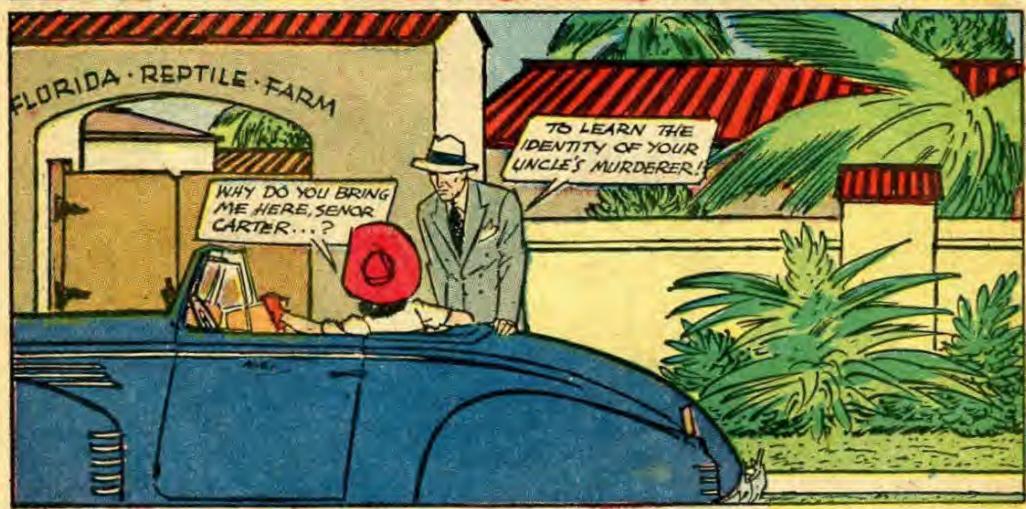


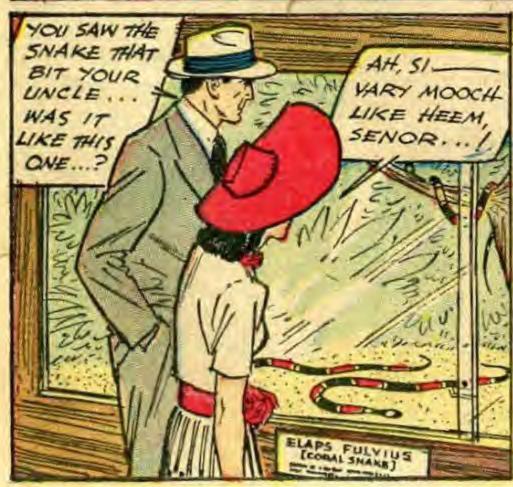










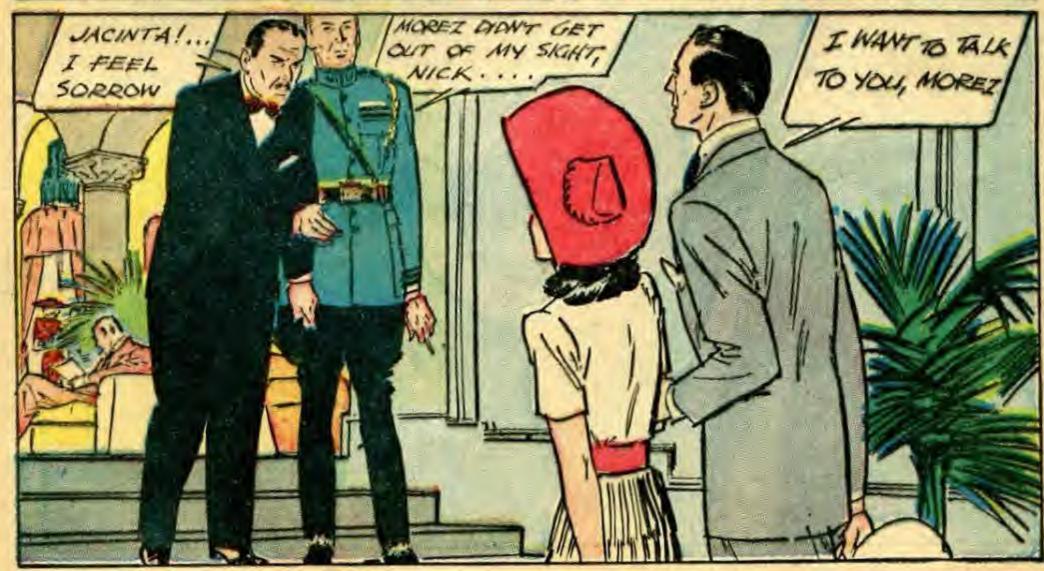




































ON THE WAY

UPSTAIRS.

NICK ANALYZES

THE CASE THUS:

MOREZ, KNOWING

CROOKS WERE

AROUND, GAVE

NICK A

PUPLICATE CHEST,

CONTAINING A

TIME BOMB

THAT BLEW

THE VAULT...!!



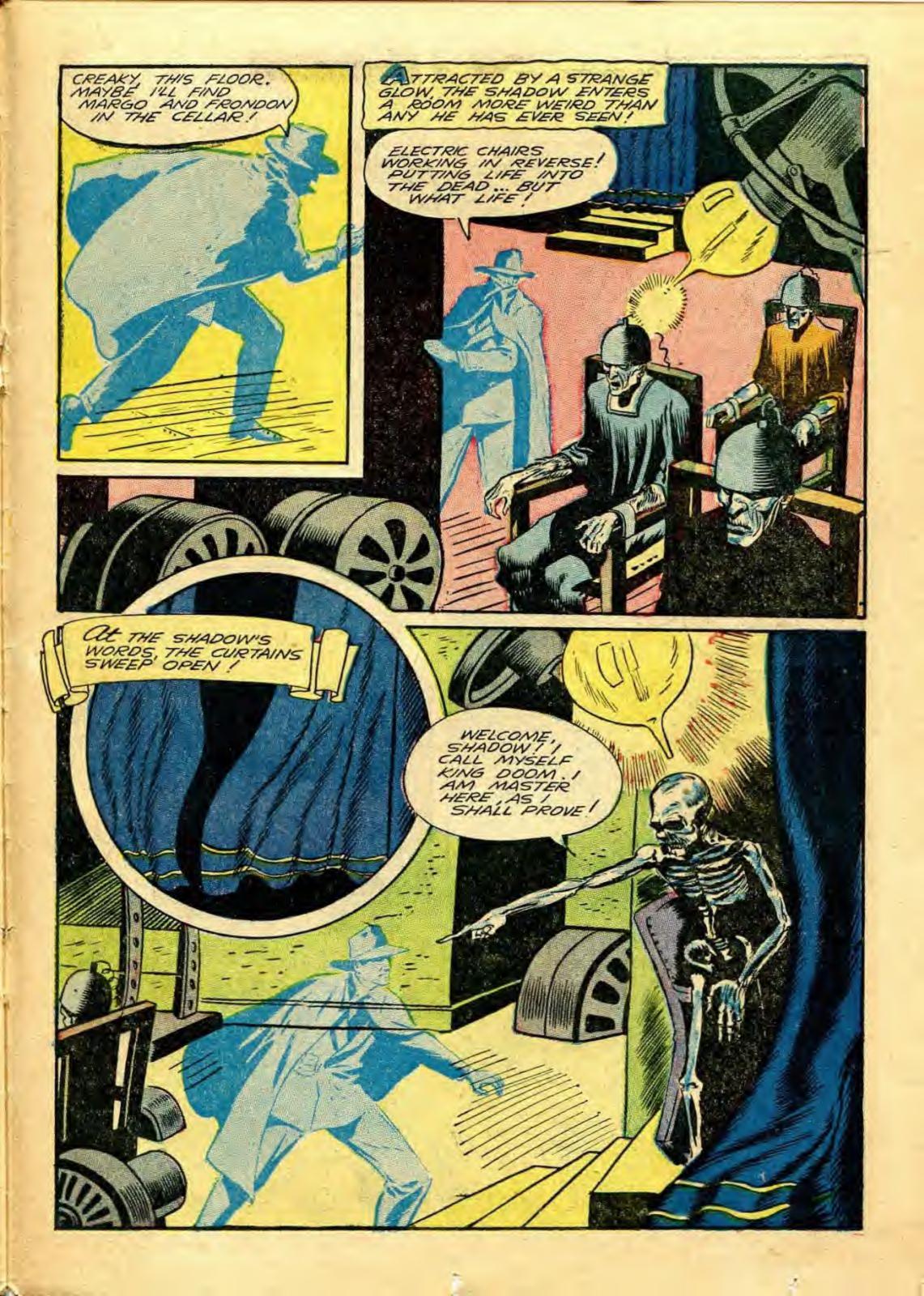








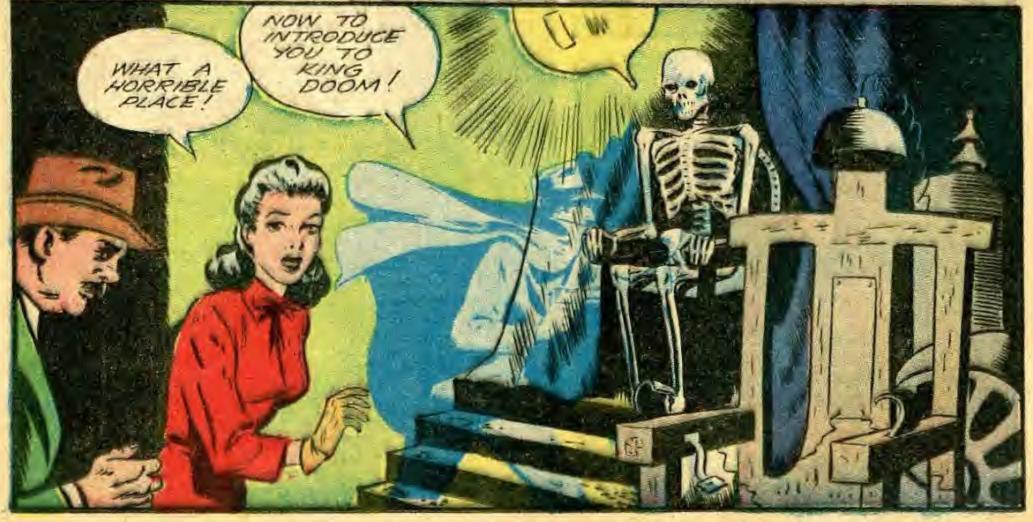






















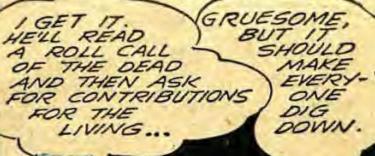






































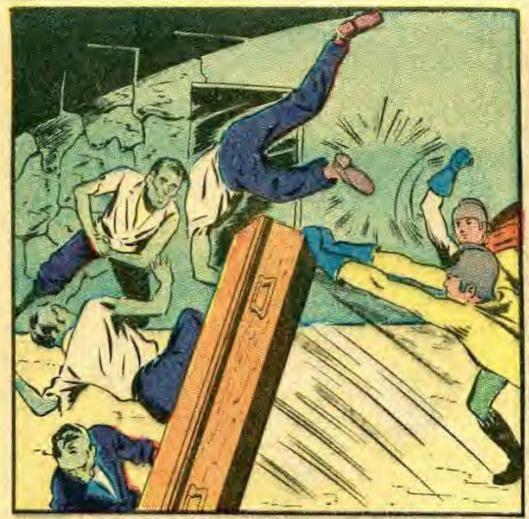




























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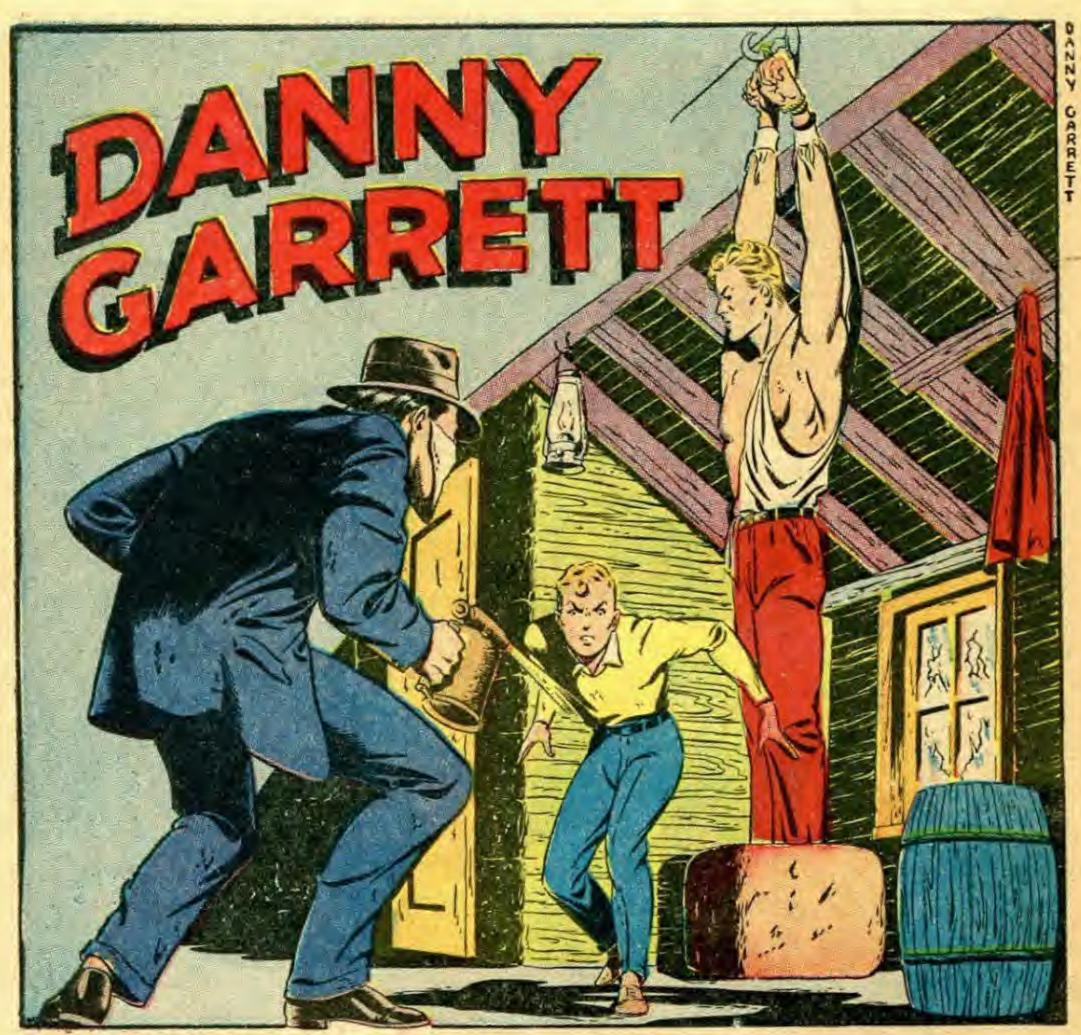




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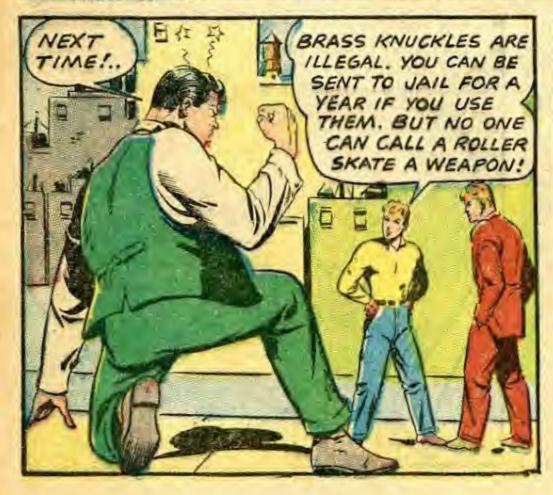












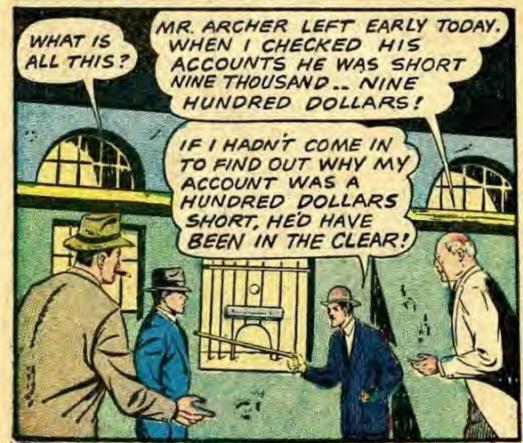




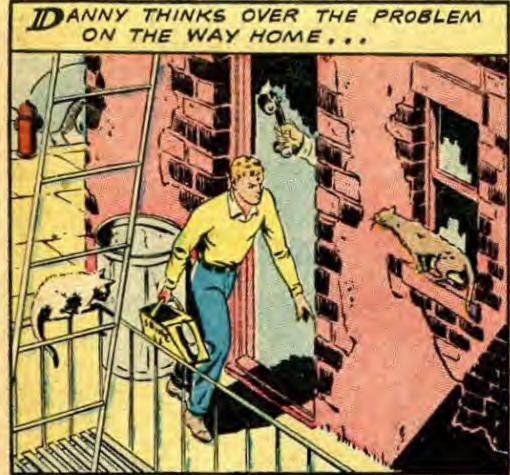


















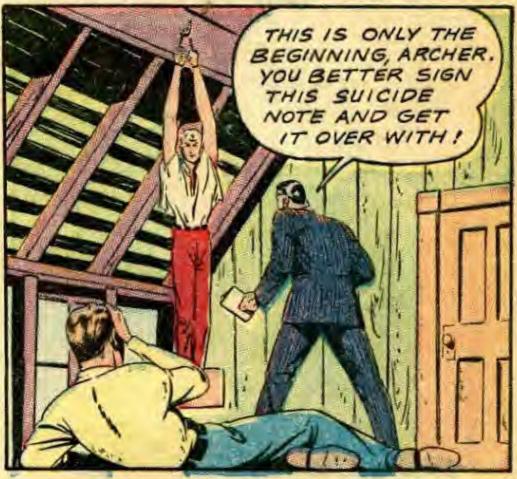




















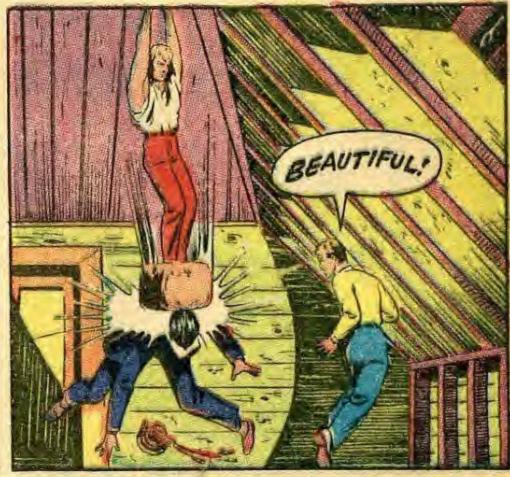




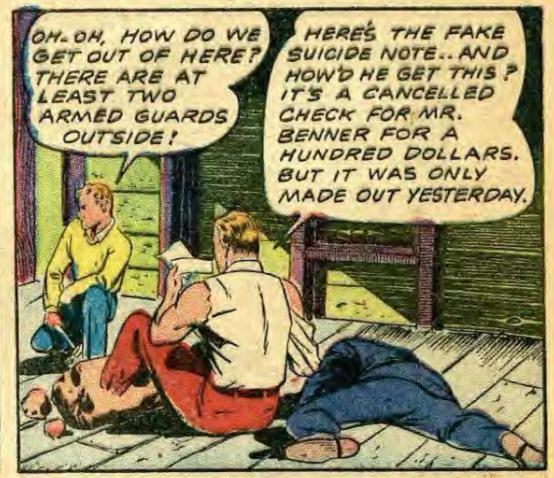














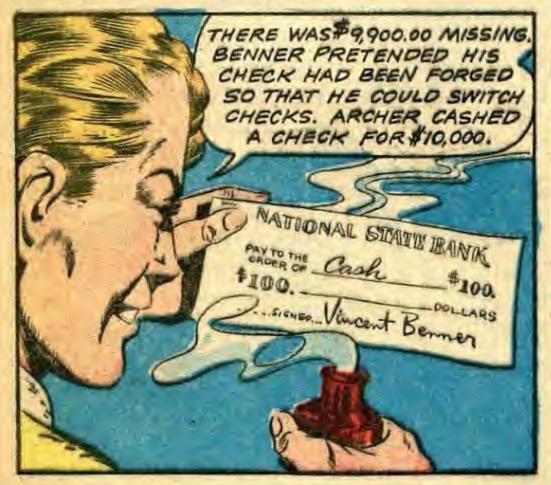


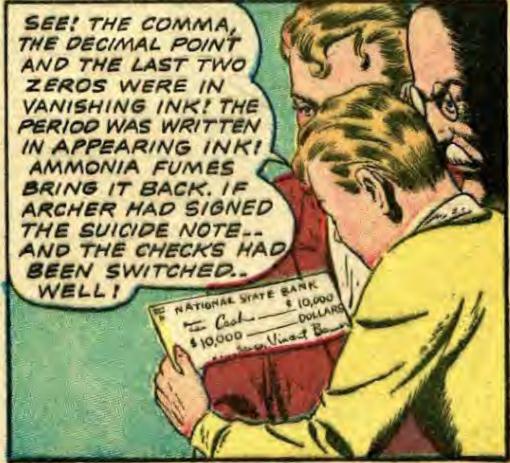












GEORGE ROGERS CHARK

THE SOLDIER WHO WON AN EMPIRE!





Note a day has gone by since the first Shadow Comic appeared on the stands but what letters have come in asking The Shadow for a favor. It is always the same request. It comes from all over the country.

The Shadow feels that if the circumstances are known, people will stop making this request which The Shadow cannot but refuse.

In the unending, daily, deadly war which The Shadow wages on the underworld, he has three weapons. They are his brain, cool, clear and unique in its ability to extract information from the tiniest bit of evidence.

His miraculous ability with guns is the result of a naturally good eye, a strong pair of wrists and constant practice.

The third is his ability to cloud men's minds so that, to all intents and purposes, he becomes invisible.

And here is the rub. For it is this third weapon which hundreds of you readers have written in and asked to be allowed to share.

Perhaps this is partly The Shadow's fault. The whole weird story of how this weapon was won has never been revealed. We are going to give you part of the strange story here.

Deep in the hidden and mysterious fastnesses of ancient Tibet, high in the unconquerable Himalayas lies the incredibly aged, forbidden city of Lhassa.

The reason for The Shadow's pilgrimage to Tibet still cannot be told. It is a tale fraught with a danger that came close to changing the lives of every man, woman and child on the face of the earth. The merest hint of the underlying purpose of the fiends that The Shadow fought at this time might wreak untold havoc.

Let us pass in silence, then, over the reason why The Shadow plodded wearily through the snows of Tibet. Suffice it to say that for the first time in The Shadow's long career of crime fighting he was forced to appeal to someone for help.

That someone was the reason that The

Shadow had come halfway around the world. That someone lived high above the eternal hills of Tibet. Lived in silence in the center of the sacred and forbidden city of Lhassa.

One by one the bearers had deserted The Shadow, so that now, as he saw the black old walls of Lhassa rising up ahead, he was alone. Alone in a vast and enduring silence.

He plodded grimly on. Somehow he had to communicate with men who not only could not speak his language—but who had never even heard of it!

In the face of this he had to explain how urgent was the need, how horrible the result if he failed.

He knocked on a wooden door that was the only entrance he could find in the tremendous wall that surrounded Lhassa. The wood of which the door was made was so old and so intricately carved that it made The Shadow's head spin. As his tired eyes followed the strange and curious figures that decorated the portal he nodded and fell to his knees.

When his mind cleared he was still alone. But his clothes were changed! He was in a tiny cell. The only light came from the dying sun, whose feeble rays could barely penetrate the slit which served as a window.

He squatted on the floor and, sitting crosslegged, he brought his mind to bear on the problem. What had happened after he had knocked on that ancient door?

He still sat cross-legged, staring into space, as he grappled with the problem of communication with the men he had come so far to see.

Suddenly a vagrant thought crystallized in his mind. Clearly, in his mind's eye, he saw a child. It was a boy. The boy's eyes were cnormous. All else faded into insignificance as The Shadow focused on the tremendous eyes.

Gently, like a breeze on a hot, sultry day, a thought took form in The Shadow's mind. It seemed to emanate from this child.

"I am he whom you sought!"

Bemused as was The Shadow, he still retained enough of his probing mind to object:

"But you are so young-I thought the master was-"

The alien thought was stronger now-

"Youth and age are but different aspects of the same thing. What is it that you seek?"

The Shadow resigned himself to the impossible. Quickly, clearly and concisely, as was his wont, he outlined the hideous plot that threatened the world.

The boy, or rather image of the boy in The Shadow's mind, nodded gravely.

"I see," he said. "And why do you come here?"

"You are my last chance." There—it was done. The Shadow had staked his all. Staked the fate of the world on this child!

The child stared deep into the recesses of The Shadow's mind and asked:

"Why do you think you are the proper per-

Now, if ever, was The Shadow glad that his life had been lived as it had. For, like a peering searchlight, the alien mind groped and brought to light the motives, the deeds, the things that made up the Shadow's life.

If there had been one blot, one evil thing reposing in the back of The Shadow's mind, it would have stood revealed.

We who know the facts of The Shadow's blameless life, of his self-sacrificing fight against all that is bad in man, know what the result was. The Shadow, with undue modesty, feared the result of this examination.

Finally it was over. The Shadow lay back exhausted. He had never felt so tired in his life. But-

The child said: "You have found your own path to Nirvana on the grueling wheel of life. We are satisfied!"

For the first time The Shadow realized that the child was just a focal point for a score of brains. The child became shimmering and The Shadow could see that he was just the projection of a picture that ten minds had cast. The ten were old and young, but all wore a look of benign understanding. Their combined thoughts joined in The Shadow's mind:

"Because your life is clear and devoted to the good of mankind, we endow you with the power to cloud men's minds. Men will think you are invisible. It is a potent weapon, and one that you must use with care. It should, combined with your own powers, enable you to win victory over the menace you fear. Go in peace!"

The fact that you all still walk the earth proves The Shadow won his battle.

That is the story of The Shadow's power, and you know why he cannot grant your requests even if he would. The right to invisibility was won by The Shadow on his merits. It is his, and his alone—

The Nick Carter story in this issue illustrates a curious point. In the story the murderer took advantage of the similarity between a harmless and a deadly snake.

Nature made the harmless snake look like the deadly one as a means of protection against its enemies.

The strange thing is that this sometimes happens to human beings. When it does, it is just as hard to tell the difference between the dangerous man and the one who just wears camouflage.

Remember this, as it may save you a lot of trouble. The braggart, the bully, the boy who inflicts pain for the fun of it, is attempting to cover his weakness by a disguise. Once you realize this, his strongest weapon is gone, just as the snake's is when you know that his fangs are poisonless.

The point is brought out in Danny Garrett's story in this issue. The bullies who ganged up on him were foiled when they found that Archer and Danny weren't afraid of their weapons.

The battle may be long and arduous, but all history is proof that just as The Shadow and Nick Carter can win out against overwhelming odds, just so will we win out against the evil that is Hitler's basic weakness.

His fangs look long and dangerous, but our boys have already proved that his poison sacs are empty!

CLUE TO THE HOODED-WASP

The murdered man was wearing rubber-soled shoes with evening clothes. This, of course, is highly improper. Notice the thumb tack on the heel of his shoe. This established the circuit which permitted the electricity to pass from the floor of the elevator through his body and kill him.

THE SHADOW SAVES THE GAME

THE LAST PITCH IN THE THIRD GAME OF THE MIDVILLE JUNIOR CHAMPION-SHIP. THE NORTHSIDE AND WESTSIDE HAVE EACH WON A GAME. TIM THE NORTH-SIDE PITCHER, WINDS UP. THROWS

ON THE WAY TO COMPOSITION CLASS. NEXT DAY TIM OVERHEARS THE WEST SIDERS PLOTTING

BUT HOW CAN WE KEEP TIM GAME TODAY?

HE'S GOT ANOTHER CLASS YET, BUT HIS TEAM HASN'T!...

> I GET IT!... WE CAPTURE

> > HIM

AND KEEP

PRISONER

1 MUST WARN MY TEAM TO WAIT FOR ME. BUT HOW?... I'VE GOT IT ---I'LL USE CODE ---

IT'S A LUCKY THING ALL OF US READ THE

SHADOW MAGAZINE!

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BINDER

STEE-RIKE THREE ... YOU'RE OUT ... NORTHSIDE IS THE WINNER!



UN THE CLASS TIM WAS CALLED TO THE BLACKBOARD TO WRITE HIS COMPOSITION. IN IT WAS A HIDDEN CODE MESSAGE FOR THE NORTHSIDE TEAM. CAN YOU FIND IT ? (HINT : READ ONLY THE



HOW EVERYONE LOVES

CAPITALS!)

WHY DOES EVERYONE LOVE PETS ? AND WHAT KIND OF PETS ARE BEST LIKED ? IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOUR OWN TASTE AND WHERE YOU LIVE. TRY ONE KIND AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT TRY ANOTHER !

AFTER SCHOOL, TIM IS GREETED BY THE NORTHSIDERS WHO HAVE WAITED FOR HIM. THE WESTSIDERS OF COURSE, ARE DUMB FOUNDED AND THWARTED!



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